

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is in part a duplicate of the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 16, 2004. Pursuant to the revised amendment practice (37 CFR 1.21) the changes in any amended claim must be shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter). The purpose of the earlier Preliminary Amendment was to amend the word "means" in claims 1-3. Although the Examiner will see the additions were properly shown by underlining in each of these claims, the knockout formatting for the word "means" failed to print in the final document. The knockout has been inserted in this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Under these circumstances, Applicants do not believe that any petition fee is necessary. Should any fee be necessary, however, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 20-1430 in the required amount.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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